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## **DEQ Seeks Comments on Middle Blackfoot-Nevada Creek Water Quality Restoration Plan**

Helena -- The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has released the Middle Blackfoot-Nevada Creek Framework TMDLs and Water Quality Restoration Plan.

A total maximum daily load (TMDL) is a plan to reach and maintain water quality standards in waters that are not currently meeting them. The waters not currently meeting standards in the planning area are identified and described in the document. This document also includes a draft plan to reach and maintain standards in all of those waters considered impaired.

A public information meeting will be held on January 8, 2008, at the Helmville Community Center Building located in Helmville, MT. The evening meeting will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Staff from the DEQ will provide an open house style forum to provide information, answer questions and discuss the document.

The draft document is available on the DEQ web site at [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov). Copies are available at the Blackfoot Challenge office in Ovando, the Seeley Lake Ranger Station, the Helmville Post Office, the Lubrecht State Forest headquarters, the public libraries in Missoula and Seeley Lake, and at the State Library in Helena. Public comments will be accepted until 5 p.m., January 18, 2008. Comments may be mailed to Montana Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, or emailed to [TMDLComments@mt.gov](mailto:TMDLComments@mt.gov).

For more information, document availability or other questions, please contact Tim Byron, DEQ, at (406)444-5341, or by e-mail at [tbyron@mt.gov](mailto:tbyron@mt.gov). The DEQ will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this open house. If you require an accommodation, please contact Angie Hayden (406) 444-6749 no later than 11:00 a.m., December 21, 2007.

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